

Finance, Oil and Real Estate

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—An advance of unusual breadth occurred today in the stock market, and although quotations were below the day's best at the close, net changes showed an upturn of good proportions spread well over the list. It could not be fairly said that the advances represented a decided change in speculative sentiment or that it was in response to any new development of weight. It apparently derived its impetus from the same sort of speculation that brought about last week's remarkable rise. Trading was heavy throughout the morning but in the latter hours the market became quiet.

The marking up of quotations began in the war shares, which were in increased favor in the belief that heavy profit-taking sales and the closing out of weak lines in these shares on their recent slump had strengthened their position. The correctness of this view seemed to be vindicated by the rapid appreciation of quoted values during the morning. Bethlehem Steel was put up 17 points to 275, equaling its high record, and in a few other instances new top figures were reached, although no other stock approached Bethlehem Steel in extent of movement. The display of strength made by the war stocks stimulated buying elsewhere and soon the whole market was rising. In the late reaction, Bethlehem Steel fell back 7 points and Crucible Steel 4. Total sales were 710,000 shares.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 4.—The Pittsburgh security market was active yesterday up to midday, with business on an increased scale. Several issues were in pressing demand and advances were made. Buyers did not ask concessions on certain issues, but were willing to advance prices to get the shares. The tone was bullish and a broadening tendency was noticeable. On the whole, the market yesterday was one of the best for some time. The latter half business was less active than in the morning, but the volume posted was one of the largest in weeks.

(By Moore, Leonard & Lynch.)

Sales.	High.	Low.	Last.
50 A. W. G.M. pl.	15 1/2	15 1/4	79 1/2
7405 C. G. & E. ...	15 1/4	13 3/4	14
120 C. Steel ...	102 1/2	102	102
12 Elk Nat. Gas ...	113 3/4	113 3/4	113 3/4
55 Fireproof pl.	17 1/2	17 1/4	17 1/4
100 Ind. Brew. ...	2 1/2	2 1/4	2 1/4
10 L. Brew. pl. ...	14	14	14
124 M. L. & H. ...	46 1/2	46 1/4	46 1/4
550 O. Fuel Oil ...	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4
40 O. Fuel Supp. ...	40	40	40
46 O. & O. Co. ...	68	68	68
50 Pbg. Brew. ...	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4
50 Pbg. Brew. pl. ...	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4
190 Pbg. Coal ...	26	25 1/2	25 1/2
2800 Pure Oil ...	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/4
11200 San Toy ...	16	16	16
40 U. N. G. Co. ...	129	128 1/2	129
20 U. S. Steel ...	68	68	68
40 West. A. B. ...	136	136	136
150 West. Elec. ...	56 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2

Grain and Produce.

By JOSEPH F. PRITCHARD.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—Rain is king! The long-drawn-out heavy rains have virtually tied the hands of the farmers in almost every part of the great grain belts. Receipts of wheat at Western markets today were only 987,000 bushels, compared with 1,614,000 bushels last year. Wheat is still standing in the fields uncut in the belts out of Chicago, and in other localities the wheat is in the shock where it must remain until "old Sol" favors the country with a few weeks of his presence, that the grain may be dried out and be ready for the threshing machines.

Not only have the producers of wheat, but the growers of oats, barley and rye, suffered more or less from the rains. On the other hand, the corn farmer has been helped by the warm and favorable temperature, but that plant is now getting too much moisture. The quality of the wheat has been lowered and every succeeding rain causes additional losses from shelling.

Oil and Gas

In the lower southwest fields of West Virginia the South Penn Oil Company has completed its No. 22 well on the Horse Creek tract, located in Duval district, Lincoln county, and has a 25-barrel per day producer from the Berea sand.

On the waters of Blue creek, in Elk district, Kanawha county, the Ohio Fuel Oil Company is drilling its No. 5 well on the G. W. Belcher farm into the pay sand and it is showing for a good producer.

In Curtis district, Roane county, the United Fuel Gas Company has completed its initial test well on the Reed heirs' farm and has a fair gas well in the salt sand formation.

On the waters of Elk Fork, in Washington district, Lincoln county, the Tanco Oil Company has completed its No. 5 well on the Standard Fuel Company's tract and has a 15-barrel per day producer.

On Trace Fork, in Duval district, Lincoln county, the Wayland Oil and Gas Company has completed its initial test well on the E. Lipscomb farm and it will make a three-barrel per day producer.

The same company has completed its initial test well on the G. S. Booth farm, located on the waters of Turkey creek, in Duval district, Lincoln county, and has a gasser making 1,000,000 cubic feet per day.

On the waters of Nutter's Fork, in Grant district, Ritchie county, H. L. Lawton, has completed his initial test well on the Rosie Haney farm through the Injun sand and it is a five-barrel per day producer.

The Hope Natural Gas Company's initial test well on the May A. Johnson farm, located in Sheridan district, Gilmer county, is drilling in the salt sand and has a good showing for a gasser.

The Walnut Creek Oil Company has completed its No. 17 well on the G. W. Hall heirs' farm, located on Rock Run, in Bryans Springs district, Wirt county, through the Keener sand and it is producing 20 barrels per day.

Oil Market.

Pennsylvania .....	\$1.35
Indiana .....	.78
Illinois .....	.84
Kansas and Oklahoma .....	.84

BOOST GOOD ROADS AT LARGE MEETING

Committee Named to Investigate Union District Construction.

The Union district citizen's meeting last night was a success from every standpoint. The crowd that filled the East Side School Auditorium radiated confidence and enthusiasm in the movement from the time the doors opened until the place was emptied.

Mayor Anthony Bowen, who believes among one of the first things necessary for an up-to-date city is to have first class roads leading thereto, made a short address to the assembled good roads workers from Colfax, Benton's Ferry, Hopewell, Hammond, and other surrounding sections. The mayor made it plain that good roads are not a luxury alone, but an absolute necessity, without which any section of territory lays undeveloped a considerable length of time. With good roads a fact, all farm land and city property rises in value beyond the slightest doubt, he emphasized.

The first speaker Dr. J. W. McDonald, chairman of the committee formed for the appointment of investigating plans to be used in the obtaining of money and how best to spend it, called for these reports. There were many responses, all of them favoring the movement and all stating that the work can be done without inconveniencing traffic on the roads for any length of time some of the reports showed whereby property would be made more valuable than it is at present.

None of the reports claimed that there was any reason for any obstacles of very great importance to be met with in the improvements suggested.

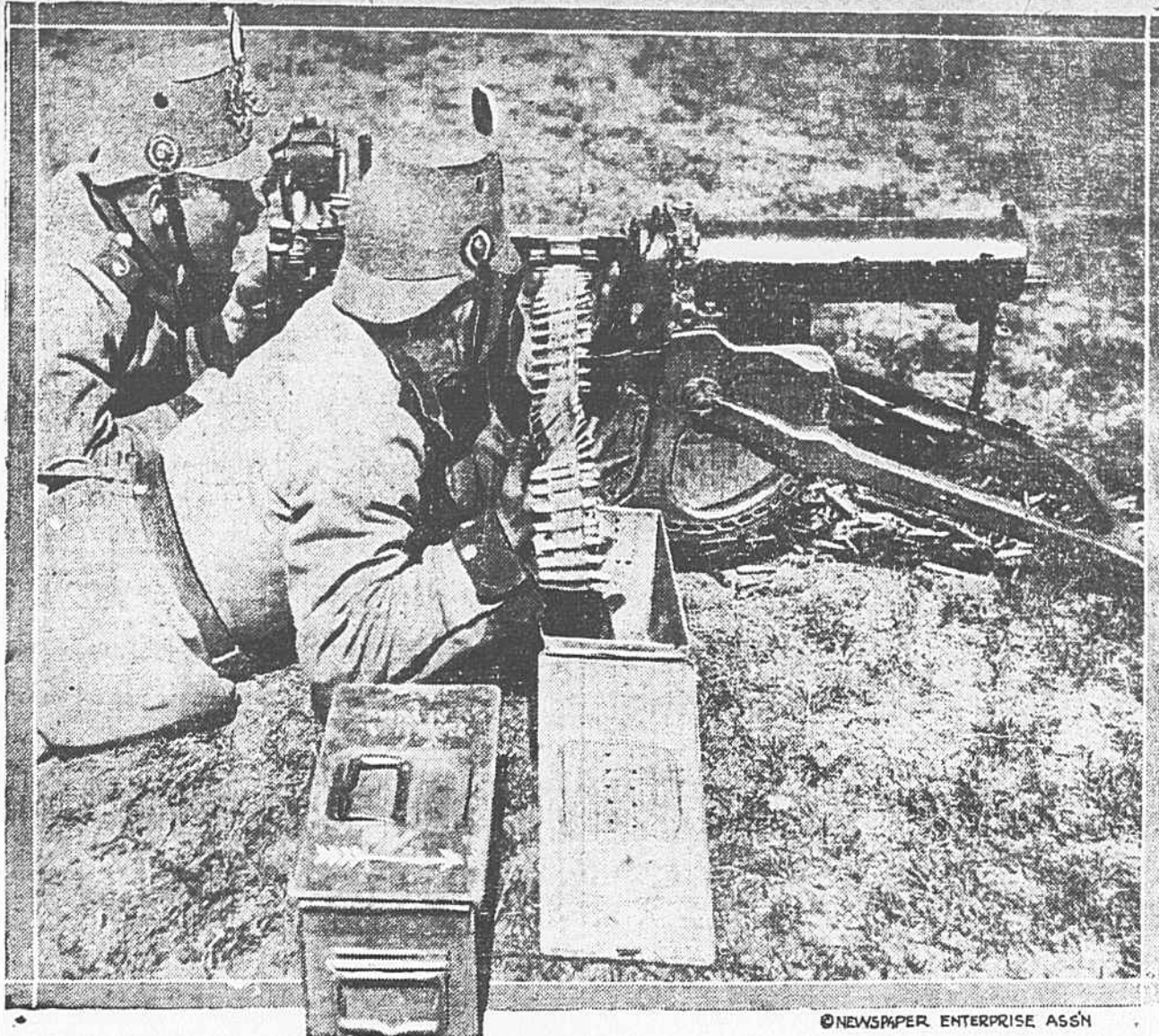
County Road Engineer Frank J. Wilfong, spoke on this subject, stating that unforeseen troubles arise in all sorts of work, but that there should not be anything that would cause the least doubt in the minds of the enthusiasts that the work will be a success.

There were many other speeches made during the evening, all of them urging that good roads in Union District are beyond a doubt a necessity.

At the close of the reading of reports, a general good roads committee was appointed. This committee consists of L. A. Barnes, Bentons' Ferry; Joe Irons, Colfax; William Michaels, Union School; Allen W. Reed, Hopewell; F. W. McIntire, Second ward; John Kisner, East Park avenue; Z. W. Morgan, Morgantown avenue; Howard Adams, First ward; Samuel Linn, Hammond.

This committee has been instructed to look into the road improvement and to investigate all suggestions submitted at the meeting last night. Next Tuesday evening at 7:30 the committee will report the result of the investigations made, and a definite plan decided upon to get funds for the work.

German Rapid Fire Machine Gun In Action



Staff Photographer Durborough, who is in Germany taking pictures for The West Virginian of a nation surrounded by foes, took the above photograph of a German rapid fire machine gun in real death dealing action, in the midst of a fight on the Russian front. Note the gun, the feeding of the ammunition, the expended shells under the forward part of the gun, the ammunition boxes in the foreground, and the position of the men serving the rapid fire. Durborough states in a letter that this particular gun was spitting 166 shots a minute, or nearly three a second, while he was at its side taking pictures.

Court News

Deaths Filed.

The following deaths have been filed with the county clerk for recording: Jane L. Free to George W. Bowers, a parcel of land in the Town of Manington; consideration \$900.

C. A. Keener and husband to B. L. Nutter, a parcel of land in the Eighth ward of the City of Fairmont; consideration \$6,700.

Birth Certificates.

The following birth and death certificates have been filed with the county clerk for recording: Births, Dr. A. L. Peters, six; deaths, Dr. A. L. Peters, two.

Suits Entered.

The following suits have been entered on the process books of the local courts: Circuit Court:

Jacob Doll & Sons vs. Thomas P. Tucker, debt \$485, damages \$200; August rules. Davis, Swartz and Templeton, attorneys for the plaintiff.

Hope Natural Gas Company vs. Louis N. Snoderly et al., trespass, damages \$1,100. C. Powell and Kemble White, attorneys for the plaintiff.

The George Washington Company vs. George Elliott Brown, debt \$76; September rules. James A. Meredith, attorney for the plaintiff.

Mary Bryant Hawkins et al. vs. C. D. Conaway, sheriff, et al., chancery; August rules. William Brand and Thomas Coleman, attorneys for the plaintiff.

Stella Merrill vs. C. L. Merrill, chancery; August rules. R. A. Looor, attorney for the plaintiff.

Madeline Ingles et al. vs. Hammel E. Staley et al., chancery; September rules. James A. Meredith and E. P. Morgan, attorneys for the plaintiff.

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Intermediate Court: James A. Meredith et al. vs. Levi B. Harr, motion for judgment for \$1,350; August rules. James A. Meredith, attorney for the plaintiff.

Nimrod Haught vs. Levi B. Harr, motion for judgment for \$1,500; August rules. James A. Meredith, attorney for the plaintiff.

D. N. Snider vs. Levi B. Harr et al., motion for judgment of \$943.40; August rules. James A. Meredith, attorney for the plaintiff.

Loretta Fuhman vs. George B. Fuhman, chancery; August rules. L. S. Schwenck, attorney for the plaintiff.

Frank Mandinecz vs. Mary Mandinecz, chancery; August rules. Frank R. Amos, attorney for the plaintiff.

Leaves for Home.

Mrs. Louis Helmick leaves this afternoon for Ravenswood to spend a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith. She will later join

a party of friends who will camp on the Hopkins farm near Parkersburg.

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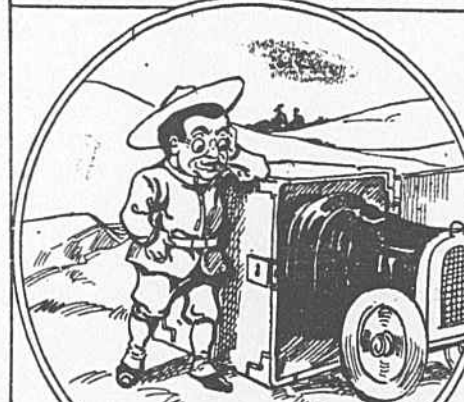
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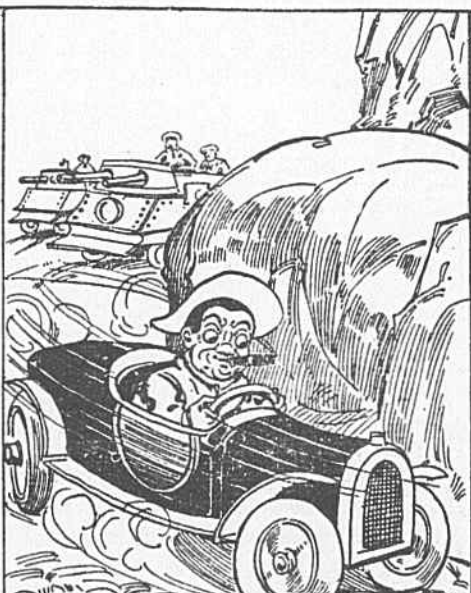
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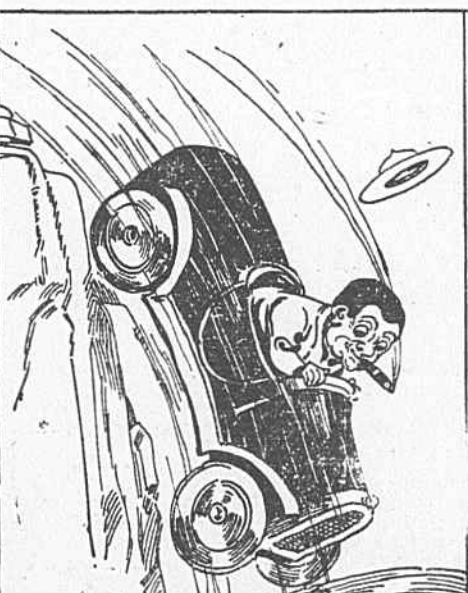
BOUNTING THROUGH MOUNTAIN PASS IN RUBBER AUTO!—OLD NICK ESCAPES!



No. 1—Once, while touring in my rubber auto through France, I was chased by several armored enemy machines!



No. 2—Lighting a fresh cigar, I threw on the speed and set out, the armored cars in hot pursuit!



No. 3—Riding among sheer cliffs, I bounded from point to point, leaving the pursuers helplessly in the rear!



No. 4—On through the gorges I bounced so rapidly that no shots could reach me! Of course, I got home in safety!